

**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION
UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)**

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FOR: LASER DIODE DRIVER WITH EXTINCTION RATIO CONTROL

Enclosed are:

20 pages of specification, claims, abstract.
 Declaration and Power of Attorney.
 Priority Claimed.
 Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. JP2002-257860
 12 sheets of formal drawing.
 An assignment of the invention to MATSUSHITA ELECTRIC INDUSTRIAL CO., LTD.
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 An associate power of attorney.
 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.
 Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and reference.
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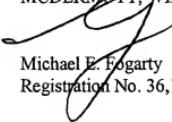
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